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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )

Dinsmore et al. )

Application No. 09/836,238 )

Filed: 04/18/2001 )

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
KEY DISTRIBUTION IN A HIERARCHICAL )  
TREE )

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2004, please enter the  
following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.

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